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MEDIA ADVISORY

FIREFIGHTER RESCUE TRAINING

“FIREFIGHTER DOWN” or “MAYDAY” brings fear to firefighters at the scene of an emergency. Too often, firefighters are killed in the line of duty (about 100 per year) and many fall victim at fire scenes.

The Milwaukee Fire Department, in an attempt to better prepare for this type of an emergency, is conducting a department wide in-service. This is a hands-on practice training to simulate a number of incidents where a firefighter was killed in the line of duty.

The training will be twice a day, Monday through Friday, starting on March 5 and ending March 28, 2007. Morning sessions will start at 9:00 AM and afternoon sessions will start at 1:30 PM, and will be held at the Safety Academy, located at 6680 North Teutonia Avenue.

The MFD also sent 28 members through the National Fire Academy 's Incident Safety Officers course. This 16-hour course examines the leading causes of death and injuries to firefighters at the scenes of emergencies, and what can be done to prevent these accidents.

Any media outlet that would like more in-depth information is encouraged to call Lieutenant O ' Connor at 397-8591 to set up a time to attend the in-service.

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